

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Original) A remediation method in response to a biological attack on a facility comprising the steps of:

conducting remediation activities at a site where a biological attack may have occurred;

monitoring weather conditions at said site;

establishing a plurality of conditions of readiness based on an increasing likelihood that adverse weather conditions may impair said remediation activities at said site;

wherein said step of establishing said plurality of conditions of readiness further comprises the step of establishing restrictions on said remediation activities relating to particular said conditions of readiness.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 25 wherein said weather conditions include destructive winds.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 26 wherein said step of establishing a plurality of conditions of readiness further comprising the steps of:

establishing a fifth condition of readiness based on a likelihood that said destructive winds may impair said remediation activities within 96 hours;

establishing a fourth condition of readiness based on a likelihood that said destructive winds may impair said remediation activities within 72 hours;

establishing a third condition of readiness based on a likelihood that said destructive winds may impair said remediation activities within 48 hours;

establishing a second condition of readiness based on a likelihood that said destructive winds may impair said remediation activities within 24 hours;

establishing a first condition of readiness based on a likelihood that said destructive winds may impair said remediation activities within 12 hours.

28. (Original) A remediation method in response to a biological attack on a facility comprising the steps of:

conducting remediation activities at a site where a biological attack may have occurred;

monitoring weather conditions at said site;

wherein said weather conditions include lightning;

establishing at least one condition of readiness based on a likelihood that said lightning may impair said remediation activities at said site;

wherein said step of establishing said condition of readiness further comprises the step of establishing restrictions on said remediation activities relating to said condition of readiness.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 28 wherein said step of establishing at least one condition of readiness based on a likelihood that said lightning may impair said remediation activities at said site further ~~comprising~~ comprises the step of defining said condition of readiness as beginning when said lightning is about 4 miles from said remediation site.

30. (New) A remediation method in response to a biological attack at a site comprising the steps of:

establishing an exclusion zone with restricted access thereto, wherein the exclusion zone includes a suspected source of the biological attack;

establishing a contamination reduction zone adjacent to the exclusion zone, wherein a person entering the exclusion zone or exiting from the exclusion zone does so through the contamination reduction zone, and wherein the contamination reduction zone has located therein means for decontaminating personal protective equipment worn by the person exiting the exclusion zone;

establishing a support zone adjacent to the contamination reduction zone, wherein the support zone is a clean zone and wherein the support zone includes dressing facilities and equipment; and

monitoring weather conditions at the site.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the weather conditions comprise wind speed.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the weather conditions comprise wind direction.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the weather conditions comprise ambient outside temperature.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the weather conditions comprise ambient relative humidity.

35. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the weather conditions comprise barometric pressure.

36. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of establishing a plurality of conditions of readiness based on the monitored weather conditions.